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Title: A HANDHELD COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH A
MULTI-POSITIONED KEYBOARD-LID

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STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made for the purpose of clarifying the claims for this application. Care was exercised by Applicant's attorney to make certain that these amendments did not go beyond the disclosure of the international application as filed. The amended claims are thought to more clearly define the elements of the present invention which distinguish from the prior art cited in the search report, and are fully supported in the specification of the application as filed.

More particularly, the amendments to the independent claims 1 and 17 relate to the characteristic of the invention, wherein the keyboard module is movable between at least two positions, with one of these positions relating to partially uncovering the display. In such a position, the display content is adapted to the exposed portion of the display, such that when the display is partially exposed, the display content is adapted to the partial display exposed in such configuration. This feature of the invention is completely distinct from the prior art patent of Kim, cited by the Examiner, as this prior art does not in any way suggest adapting the display content to the exposed portion of the display as now claimed. In the Examiner's comments, it is stated that Kim teaches a device wherein a keyboard module is connected to the host unit and is movable between positions, with an allowable position resulting in the display being at least partially exposed. In this regard, relating to original claim 3 and 19, the

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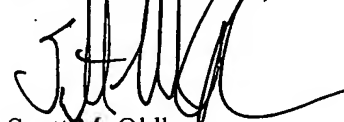
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Examiner states that Kim teaches a device wherein the host unit adapts a display content of the display in response to a position signal, with reference to a switch for determining the position of the cover 13, as recited in column 2, lines 25-55 of Kim. In this regard, and referencing column 2, lines 47-51, it is clear that although the touch-sensitive screen 27 may be partially exposed by sliding of the keypad 16, this only provides the ability to receive input from either buttons 23, 22 or 28, or direct contact with the screen 27 surface. Nothing within the prior art of Kim relates to adapting display content on the display according to the present invention as now defined. As set forth in paragraph 29 of the present application, when the keyboard module 40 is in a partially opened position, the host unit 20 may use only the exposed or predetermined top portion of the display as an active user interface. This provides distinct advantages which are not in any way contemplated by the prior art of Kim, which only allows input by the touch sensitive screen 27 when the keypad 16 is slid down to partially expose the screen 27. It is therefore believed that claims 1 and 17 clearly distinguish from the prior art of Kim, and favorable action is requested.

With respect to new claims 33-39, these claims also clearly distinguish from the prior art of Kim. In claim 33, the keyboard module is detachable from the host unit. As clearly shown by Kim, although the keypad 16 is slidable, it is not detachable in any way from the device 10 and forms an integral part thereof. In the present invention, the selective detachability of the keyboard module provides distinct advantages in using the device, which are in no way contemplated by the prior art of Kim. In claim 39, the relationship between an electrical connector and a mating connector clearly distinguishes from the prior art of Kim. Favorable action is believed to be in order regarding these new claims.

Applicant's attorney further believes that any search performed by the examiner is sufficient to cover these amended claims.

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